

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed April 17, 2008, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3 and 5 remain in this application, where claim 4 has been canceled and its features included in independent claim 1.

By means of the present amendment, claims 1-3 and 5 have been amended for non-statutory reasons, such as beginning the dependent claims with 'The' instead of 'A', and deleting reference numerals typically used in European practice that are known to not limit the scope of the claims. Such amendments to claims 1-3 and 5 were not made in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights under the Doctrine of Equivalents.

By means of the present amendment, the current Abstract has been deleted and substituted with the enclosed New Abstract which better conforms to U.S. practice. Further, the specification has been amended for better conformance to U.S. practice.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings because reference numeral 21 designates two different elements in FIGs 2-3. In response, the FIG 3 has been amended to change reference numeral 21 to 41 in conformance with the specification, e.g., page 3, lines 18-19, and the remaining figures, e.g., FIG 3. A replacement sheet including FIG 3 is enclosed. Further, an annotated marked-up version of the sheet including FIG 3 is enclosed for convenience. Applicant respectfully requests approval of the enclosed proposed drawing changes and withdrawal of the drawing objection.

In the Office Action, claims 1-3 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,213,536 (Futterer). Further, claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,577,324 (Tanaka) in view of Futterer. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-3 and 5 are patentable over Futterer and Tanaka for at least the following reasons.

Futterer is directed to dry shaver having two cutters. A shaft is selectively rotated in either direction. The shaft is rotatable in one direction for driving the first cutter (for short

hair cutting) and is rotatable in the opposite direction for driving the second cutter (for long hair cutting).

Tanaka is directed to an electric shaver having a shaver head that can be changed in its orientation so as to conform to the facial configuration. Tanaka does not even disclose or suggest reversing rotation of anything as correctly noted in the Office Action, page 4, last line to page 5, line 1.

It is respectfully submitted that the Geraloulis, Hwang, alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest the present invention as recited in independent claim 1, which, amongst other patentable elements, recites (illustrative emphasis provided):

wherein the drive structure has transmission ratios for driving the trimmer with a number of cycles per unit time and for driving the at least one cutter of the at least one shaving head with a number of revolutions per unit time, such that said number of cycles per unit time of the driven trimmer is higher than said number of revolutions per unit time of the at least one driven cutter.

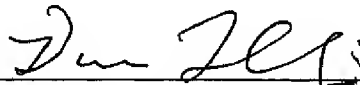
These features are nowhere disclosed or suggested in Futterer, Tanaka, and combination thereof. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that independent claim 1 be allowed. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claim 2-3 and 5 should also be allowed

at least based on its dependence from independent claim 1.

In addition, Applicants denies any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: Replacement drawing sheet (1 sheet including FIG 3)  
Annotated drawing sheet (1 sheet including FIG 3)

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